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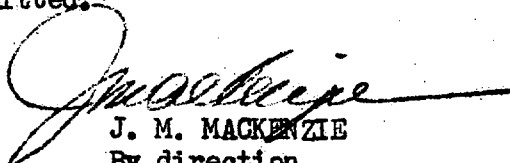
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Attn: Field Historian)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1967
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
Encl: ✓ (1) March Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Engineer Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol. F.W. HARRIS III
8 August 1966SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo	Capt. M. WEISER	25 March 1967
ServCo	Capt. H. L. CAMPBELL	7 March 1967
Co"A"	Capt. N. PACULA Jr.	11 November 1966
Co"B"	Capt. J. R. PHANEUF	7 March 1967
Co"C"	Capt. W. H. WEST	24 March 1967
Co"D"	Capt. J. W. MARSHALL III	9 January 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Bridge Co	Capt. W. D. LYTCH Jr.	4 October 1966
3rd Bridge Co	Capt. L. M. WALTERS Jr.	11 November 1966
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	Capt. G. W. MIMS Jr.	12 September 1966

2. LOCATION

7th EngrBn	6 August 1965	DANANG, RVN
1st Bridge Co	8 December 1965	DANANG, RVN
3rd Bridge Co	17 October 1966	DANANG, RVN
Co"A", 9th EngrBn	26 June 1966	DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. M. MACKENZIE	28 October 1966
S-1	2Lt. J. R. MANNING	25 August 1966
S-2/3	Maj. L. E. RAMSEY	24 November 1966
S-4	1Lt. S. SHEA	17 December 1966
Supply Off	Capt. J. W. WILSON	5 July 1966

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Sgt.Maj.

Sgt.Maj. E. J. URBAN

8 August 1966

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
78	1359	2	19

5. Personnel Gains and Losses

		<u>GAINS</u>			<u>LOSSES</u>
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	6	<u>OFF</u>	0	<u>OFF</u>	0
<u>ENL</u>	108	<u>ENL</u>	1	<u>ENL</u>	0
				<u>USMC</u>	
				<u>OFF</u>	5
				<u>ENL</u>	111

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PART II

8 AUG 1966

Narrative Summary

The 7th Engineer Battalion (Rein) continued support of the III Marine Amphibious Force throughout I Corps Tactical Zone with primary effort concentrated in the Da Nang area.

Significant events during March included completion of a 105 foot, single lane, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 south of the Tuy Loan River; completion of two single lane, class 60 bridges of 24 foot and 11 foot lengths on Route 5 north of the Tuy Loan River; continued construction of a 30 foot, class 60 pile bent bridge on Route 5 and a 46 foot steel stringer bridge on Route 13-C; completion of a 10,000 square foot soil cement heli pad at 3rd Bn, 1st Mar CP; completion of a dental facility on Hill 37; continued upgrading of 24 km of roads and maintenance of 121 km of roads.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration. None.

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

- (1) 010800H at BT 073670, Marine from Company "A", 9th EngrBn reported MIA. Infantry and PF units searched area with negative results.
- (2) 020950H at BT 003634, Company "B" sweep team received 40-50 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Returned fire and V.C. broke contact. No casualties.
- (3) 031115H at BT 070675, Company "A", 9th EngrBn road construction security element detonated unknown type mine. One Marine WIA (evac).
- (4) 041155H at BT 003633, road construction detail from Company "B" received 50-60 rounds of automatic weapons fire. Infantry and artillery returned 40 rounds, 155 mm, 20 rounds 60 mm mortar and 1000 rounds SA. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (5) 051015H at AT 943664, dump truck from Company "A" detonated mine. Nine WIA (2 evac).
- (6) 051200H to 060600H, 7th Engineer Battalion assumed security for MCB-9 on the occasion of the SeaBee Birthday.
- (7) 051535H at BT 063672, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received light SA fire from estimated 4-6 V.C. Returned 450 rounds SA and CAC unit swept area. One Marine WIA (non-evac).
- (8) 051545H at AT 993632, road construction detail from Company "B" received 4 rounds of SA fire, did not return fire due to friendly troops in area. No casualties.
- (9) 051605H at BT 069674, road construction detail from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 7-9 rounds SA fire from 4 to 6 V.C. Returned 150 rounds SA and 7 rounds M-79. CAC unit swept area with negative results. No casualties.

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- (10) 061100H at AT 999634, dump truck from Service Company detonated mine estimated to be 40-50 pounds TNT. Truck heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (11) 061105H at AT 925520, road construction detail from Company "D" received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. Requested infantry assistance. No casualties.
- (12) 061400H at AT 991634, road grader from Company "B" detonated mine. Grader heavily damaged. No casualties.
- (13) 062000H at AT 915598, V.C. burned 105' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5. (See TAB B Photo #1)
- (14) 071111H at AT 990641, dump truck from Company "B" received 9 rounds SA sniper fire. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (15) 082005H at AT 948778, 7th Engineer Bn defensive perimeter received SA fire from unknown number of V.C. No fire returned. No casualties.
- (16) 121420H at AT 907752, bridge reconnaissance party from Company "C" received 3 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (17) 122020H at AT 948778, 7th EngrBn defensive perimeter received 10-14 rounds SA fire. No casualties.
- (18) 122030H at AT 924605, V.C. burned 30' timber pile bent bridge on Route 5.
- (19) 170930H at BT 067674, mine sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3-4 rounds SA fire. Returned 2 rounds M-79. No casualties.
- (20) 280820H at AT 948707, M-16 mine detonated during training resulting in 13 Marines killed and one wounded.
- (21) 311205H at BT 069673, sweep team from Company "A", 9th EngrBn received 3 rounds SA fire. Returned 5 rounds SA. No casualties.

c. Organization and Operations

- (1) Officer Assignments - See TAB A of Enclosure (1)
- (2) Operations
 - (a) On 8 March 1967 a 14' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 907753.
 - (b) On 13 March 1967 a 24' class 60 timber bridge was completed at AT 906746.
 - (c) On 16 March 1967 a 10,000 sq.ft. soil cement helipad was completed at the 1st Bn. 3rd Mar GP.
 - (d) On 17 March 1967 a 12' x 12' Dental Facility was Completed at Hill 37.
 - (e) On 31 March 1967 a 105' timber pile bent bridge was completed on Route 5 at AT 915598 (See TAB B Photo #2 & 3).
 - (f) Continued upgrading of 10 km of pioneer road from AT 874461 to AT 925530.
 - (g) Continued upgrading of Anderson Trail from Route 1C to Route 1 (AT 995633 to BT 032643).

d. Plans

- (1) Continue construction of 46' steel beam, class 60 bridge at BT 071701 (See TAB B Photo #4).
- (2) Pioneer and upgrade lateral road from Route 1 (BT 030647) to

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Vinh Dien River (BT 032648).

- (3) Upgrade Anderson Trail from 2d Bn. 1st Marines CP to Route 1.
- (4) Upgrade Route 5 from Song Thu Bon Ferry to An Hoa (AT 925530 to AT 874461).
- (5) Continue pioneering and upgrading of road/bridge approach on Dai Loc bypass via Hill 37 (AT 914587).

e. Training

- (1) Command Indoctrination and Information continues for newly arrived personnel and debriefing for those departing.
- (2) 66 personnel attended the 1st Engineer Battalion Land Mine Warfare School.
- (3) Six personnel attended ADM school. One was for initial training and five attended refresher training.
- (4) One officer attended Registered Publications School.
- (5) One Staff NCO attended III MAF Psychological Operations School.
- (6) 50 personnel fired individual weapon for familiarization on the Battalion 1000 inch range.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Administration

March

- 1 This Battalion was inspected by a team from Division Motor Transport, Service Company and 1st Bridge Company were the companies inspected.
- 7 The Division Supply and Instruction Team started an inspection of 3rd Bridge Company and finished on 9 March 1967.
- 8 Five conex boxes were turned in to FSR.
- 11 Final loads of rock were delivered to complete the contract.

Four Euclid dump truck were received by this Battalion and placed on administrative deadline.

Two M172A1 lowbed trailers were received by this Battalion.

- 12 The Division Supply and Instruction team started an inspection of 1st Bridge Company and finished on 15 March 1967.
- 15 A request for an additional \$171,896.97 for Project Code 3 was submitted to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division as a result of increased requirements in III MAF work orders 3001, 6109, and 6249.

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- 16 Received Modification of Allowances from Commanding General, 1st Marine Division to drop one AN/URM-32, one AN/GRA-11 and add one TS-103 B/U.
- 20 Submitted repair parts list for high density engineer equipment items to Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- 25 Movement of all cut and packaged bunkers completed. All bunkers cut and packaged for which shipping was requested have been embarked.
- Three M-37B1 vehicles were nominated for the rebuild program.
- 28 The Battalion messhall was inspected by a party from 1st Marine Division Food Services.
- 29 A letter was forwarded to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific stating that eleven Tractors M6103 (M64) would be used for operator/mechanic training during the period 26 March to 26 May 1967.

(2) Supply

- (a) 7th Engineer Battalion FMF (RUC 21300). During the month of March the Battalion Supply Section processed 280 priority O2 and O5 requisitions and 1890 L2 and L7 requisitions. Also processed were 2053 receipts from due, 1589 issues from due and 609 issues from warehouse.
- (b) 1st Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21325). During the month of March 1st Bridge Company Supply Section processed 251 requisitions. Also processed were 136 receipts from due, 85 issues from due and 70 issues from warehouse.
- (c) 3rd Bridge Company FMF (RUC 21335). During the month of March 3rd Bridge Company Supply Section processed 381 requisitions. Also processed were 24 receipts from due, 9 issues from due and 36 issues from warehouse.
- (3) Motor Transport. Approximately 183,612 miles were logged on the Battalion's Motor Transport vehicles during March.
- (4) Maintenance. The Battalion Maintenance Platoon completed 166 Motor Transport work orders during the month of March. A total of 157 work orders were submitted, 39 were sent to Maint Bn. Total work orders for Engineer Equipment numbered 217 with 189 completed and 19 were sent to FLSG.
- (5) Messing. The Battalion Mess Staff continued the normal mess operation of providing four (4) meals daily except on Sunday; the fourth meal being a midnight ration for night crews. On Sunday a brunch replaces breakfast and dinner.

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(6) Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 682 military and 287 Vietnamese. During the month of March the Dental Clinic treated 209 military and 25 Vietnamese.

(7) Embarkation

To Chu Lai
2 Bridge Trailers

To Phu Bai
15 Bunkers

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) The civil affairs program continues on a daily basis.

(2) Activities were as follows:

(a) MED CAP program provided treatment to 458 persons.

(b) The Battalion sponsored, Vietnamese brickyard produced a total of 31,344 soil bricks.

(c) A total of 870 bars of soap were given out to the Vietnamese people.

(d) A total of 15,310 bricks were released from the 7th Engineer Battalion Brick Factory during the month of March for various projects.

(e) The 7th Engineer Battalion is sponsoring a Brick Factory in its Civil Affairs area at the Refugee Village of HOA NINH. One brick machine has been taken out to the Village for the production of cement block which are intended for Civil Affairs projects. This new Brick Factory is on an experimental basis to determine the feasibility of its operation. The Village Chief of HOA THANH is having sand hauled to the site of the brick machine and the Village Chief of HOA NINH has the operational control of production. Since the beginning of the Brick Factory, 24 March 1967, in HOA NINH there have been 2044 bricks produced.

h. Psychological Operations. None.

i. Communications. None.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Officer Assignments. See TAB A of enclosure (1).

2. Photographs. See TAB B of enclosure (1).

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LINEAL #	OR	BILLET	ACT	BILLET	ACT	MOS	ACT	MOS	T/O TIME/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
NAME	SERVNO	OF RANK	RANK	RANK	RANK	MOS	MOS	MOS	PltCmndr/Plt	Nov67	
DYKE S H	098606	30Jun66	Lt	Lt	WO	1320	1320	1320	PltCmndr/Plt	Nov67	
									PltCmndr/WaterPlt		
"A" Co											
WATERS L M JR	088012	3Aug66	Capt	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cnldr	Nov67	
			Lt	Lt	WO	1310	1310	1310	Execo		
LUND R C	098993	30Jun66	WO	WO	WO	1310	1310	1310	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Dec67	
ATKINSON W T	096057	27May66	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Aug67	
			Lt	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt		
SHOFF J R	089447	3Dec65	Lt	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302/1310/0430	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Jun67	
"B" Co											
PHANEUF J R	082142	3757	Capt	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302/1310/1305	"B" Co Cnldr	Oct67	
			Lt	Lt	WO	1310	1310	1310	ExecutiveO		
GANDY C F JR	098698	30Jun66	WO	WO	WO	1310	1310	1310	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
MOLSTAD R D	093310	1846R	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
BAKER J R	095288	8Jun66R	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1301	1301	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Apr68	
			Lt	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt		
"C" Co											
WEST W H JR	082314	3946	Capt	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302	"C" Co Cnldr	Aug67	
			Lt	Lt	WO	1310	1310	1310	ExecutiveO		
MCCULLOUGH C A	099041	30Jun66	WO	WO	WO	1360	1360	1360	PltCmndrEquipPlt	Sep67	
CROSBY W A	093048	1623R	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
FOO R C K	096688	27May66	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
			Lt	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt		
"D" Co											
MARSHALL J W III	081638	4111	Capt	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	1302/5715	"D" Co Cnldr	Nov67	
			Lt	Lt	WO	1310	1310	1310	ExecutiveO		
CROSS C F	093588	1May66	WO	WO	2ndLt	1310	1310	1310	PltCmndrEquipPlt	Apr68	
			Lt	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt		
CHILTON J E	096372	15Jul66	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Nov67	
BLENKLE A J	092984	1566R	Lt	Lt	2ndLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt	Sep67	
			Lt	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEngrPlt		
1st Bridge Co											
LYTCH W D JR	083482	4329	Capt	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	0302/1302	1stBrdgCo Cnldr	Jul67	
			Lt	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302	ExecutiveO	May67	
KLUG L D	087576	1909R	Lt	Lt	1stLt	1302	1302	1302	PltCmndrEquipPlt		
			WO	WO	Lt	1310	1310	1310	PltCmndrEquipPlt		

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NAME	SERVNO	DATE OF RANK	BILLET RANK	ACT RANK	BILLET MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
HARRIS F W III	045031	699	LtCol	LtCol	1302	1302/1310/1305	Bn Cndr	Aug67	SeniorMbrPrBrd; SeniorMbrAwdws Brd; ClassMatContO
MACKENZIE J M	057845	1027R	Major	Major	1302	1302/1305/0805	Emeco	Nov67	PersAffO; PostalO; Rpts&Direct ContO; VotingO; InsO; Savings BondsO; RationCardContO; Cust RegisteredPubs; CustClassMat; WitnessingO for Dest of Class Mat; TS ContO; Mbr Bn AwdwsBrd; TISCO; BnClaimsO; MbrBnAwdwsBrd; AlterCustClassMat; AlterCust RegPubs; WitnessingO for Dest of ClassMat
MANNING J R	097296	27May66	Lt	2ndLt	0130	0130	S-1/Adjutant	Sep67	
FROST V P	093372	1903R	Lt	2ndLt	0130	1301	PersO/BnLegalO	Sep67	
SMITH R D	092641	1970R		2ndLt		1302	BnCivAffairsO	Sep67	
RAMSEY L E	068998	21Jun66	Major	Major	1302	1302/3402	S-2/S-3	Dec67	
WEISER M	050428	2Mar67R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	Asst S-2/MilGeol	Jul67	
DOUGHERTY J W	077648	2547	Capt	Capt	1302	1302/1330	Asst S-3/ABC Defo	Jul67	NuclearWpnsSafetyO; NBCO
SHEA W S	068321	1Jul66	Lt	Lt	1302	1302	Asst S-3		
			Lt	Lt	1302	1302	Asst S-3/ADMO		
			Major	Major	1302	1302/0240	S-4	Jan68	PoliceO; EmbarkationO; BnSafetyO FireMarshall; FireSecurityO; Bn ClubsO
CASPEN T R	050812	1Apr67	Lt	Capt	1302	1302	Asst S-3/Consto	Jun67	
BROUILLET R J	090797	1624R	Lt	1stLt	2502	2502	FltCndrCommFlt/CommO	Nov67	TechPubsContO; WitnessingO for DestofClassMat; CryptoSecurityO
HARMAN J W	09878-	30Jun66	WO	WO-1	1360	1360	FltCndrConstFlt	Oct67	
TAYLOR S F	098039	15Jul66	Capt	2ndLt	1302	1310	FltCndrEngrEquipFlt	Nov67	
WEISER M	090428	2Mar67R	Capt	Capt	1302	1302	HqCo Cndr	Jul67	BnSecurityO; BnEdO; CareerAdvO
MANGELS P F	092425	1499R		1stLt	1302	1302	Asst S-4	Jun67	BnExchangeO; BnIRO
ServCo									
CAMPBELL H L	084595	20Jan66R	Major	Capt	1310	1302	ServCo Cndr	Sep67	BnMessO; BnO Club Manager
WRUBLEWSKI E A	085396	20Jan66	Capt	Capt	1310	1302/1310	FltCndrMaintFlt	Nov67	
HAYEK T S	099613	4Nov66	Capt	2ndLt	3502	3510	FltCndrMotorTransFlt/Bn MTO	Feb68	
WILSON J W	084373	1Jul66	Capt	Capt	3002	3002/0302	FltCndrSupplyFlt/Supo	Jul67	BnOrdO; BnFiscalO

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LINEAL # OR DATE	BILLET ACT OF RANK	BILLET RANK	RANK MOS	ACT MOS	T/O TITLE/PRIMARY DU	RTD	ADD DU
1st Brg Co (Cont'd)							
KIBBLE R M	090920	1 May 66	Capt 1302	1302	Plt Cndr Bridge Plt	Dec 67	
KADLECIK J JR	097088	27 May 66	2nd Lt 1302	1302	Plt Cndr Bridge Plt	Nov 67	
3rd Bridge Co							
HULTMAN B A	089328	3 Aug 66	Capt 1302	1302/1310	3rd Bridge Co Cndr Executive	Apr 68	
SCHIGG F R	093420	19 Apr 66	Lt 1302		Plt Cndr Bridge Plt	Sep 67	
SUTTON G F L	098012	15 Jul 66	2nd Lt 1302	1302	Plt Cndr Bridge Plt	Nov 67	Bn Special Servo
HAGGERTY J J	094412	8 Jun 66	2nd Lt 1302	1302	Plt Cndr Bridge Plt	Apr 68	
HARBIN J G	098778	30 Jun 66	WO 3010	3010	Plt Cndr Serv Plt	Nov 67	
JOHN P W	094216	8 Jun 66	2nd Lt 3002	3002	Plt Cndr Hq Plt	Apr 68	
Co "A" 9th Engr							
MIMS G W JR	083529	20 Jan 66	Capt 1302	1302/1320	"A" Co Cndr	Jun 67	
VANLANDINGHAM T G	098113	27 May 66	2nd Lt 1310	1310/1302	Plt Cndr Equip Plt	Jun 67	
PLATZ W E	092647	189 Apr	2nd Lt 1301	1302	Plt Cndr Engr Plt	Sep 67	
PROBST R D	093371	1 Nov 65	2nd Lt 1302	1302	Plt Cndr Engr Plt	Sep 67	
USN							
WOODBURN R W	709739		Lt C MDR		Dental Off	Dec 67	
BRUNER W D	650582		Lt		Bn Chaplain	Sep 67	
HEMPHILL J L	700604		Lt		Bn Surgeon	Aug 67	

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